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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: J. R. O'Donnell et al.

Filed: August 1, 2003

Serial No.: 10/633,134

Title: Toughness-Optimized Weld Joints and
Methods for Producing Said Weld
Joints§
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2004**

Sir:

The accompanying Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks are offered in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In the office action, the examiner rejected claim 2 as a product-by-process claim. Applicants wish to amend the claims to cancel claim 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.